**Moral Education as short-term course in school**

5196. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to include Moral, Social and Ethical value educaion in schools as a short-term subject;

(b) if so, whether Government intend to introduce this new short-term subject and by when;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) whether it is a fact that there is a greater need for teaching Moral, Social and Ethical values to the young generation keeping in mind the western influence on our daily lives ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) Moral, Social and Ethical Value Education has not been recommended as a separate short-term or full term school subject in the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE)-2000. These values in appropriate form are recommended to be suitably integrated with all subjects at all the stages of schooling. Inculcation of these values among the young children is a great need in today's world in order to preserve and strengthen the traditional Indian value system and culture.

**Mid-day Meal Scheme**

†5197. SHRI MOTILAL VORA :
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DE [illegible] be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where 'mid-d [illegible]al Scheme is being implemented in Government schools as well as Government aided schools,

(b) the funds provided by Government to each State Government under this head, during the last five years;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards ruling of Supreme Court with regard to the proper [illegible]n of the scheme; and

(d) if so, the Government's reaction there [illegible]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) As per the National

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (popularly known as Mid-Day Meal Scheme) children studying at primary level in Government, Government-aided and local body schools; and in Education Guarantee Scheme and other alternative learning Centres, are being covered for which this Ministry provides food grains, free of cost at rate of 100 gram per child per school day. The cost of the foodgrains are reimbursed to Food Corporation of India. Based on the proposals received from the States/Districts agencies transportation charges are also being reimbursed. Year-wise expenditure incurred on the scheme during the last five years is given hereunder :

| Year | Expenditure (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|
| 1998-1999 | 1600.15 |
| 1999-2000 | 1500.00 |
| 2000-2001 | 1299.00 |
| 2001-2002 | 1030.26 |
| 2002-2003 | 1099.03 |

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Based on the central support mentioned above States/ UTs are required to provide cooked meals as stipulated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The defaulting States/UTs are being constantly urged to implement the orders of the Hon'ble Court.

**Amount for adult education in NER**

5198. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount earmarked for adult education in the North-Eastern Region during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) The details of the amount spent on adult education in the region during Ninth Five Year Plan, year-wise; and

(c) the details of amount proposed to be earmarked for the purpose during the Tenth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) No separate amount was earmarked for adult education in the North Eastern Region (NER) during Eighth and Ninth Five year Plan.

(b) The details of the amount spent on adult education in the North Eastern Region during Ninth Five-Year Plan, year-wise, is annexed as Statement. (*See* below).

(c) No separate allocation has been earmarked for the North eastern Region during 10th Five Year Plan. However, in the Annual Plans, 10% of the budget